

REMARKS

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the phone interview conducted on January 6, 2005 at 10:00 AM between the Examiner and Applicants' Attorney. During the interview Claim 1 was discussed in comparison to the references of record. It was agreed that the disclosed invention was novel over Sauner but no agreement was reached as to the patentability of Claim 1.

Claims 1-8 and 10-21 remain in the application, Claims 1-7 and 10-20 have been amended. New claim 21 was added and claim 9 was canceled without prejudice. Applicants have carefully reviewed the above-identified Office Action. The Applicants contend that, by the present Amendment, all bases of objection and rejection have been overcome. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections.

THE REJECTIONS

In the Office Action claims 1 and 11 are objected to because of informalities.

In the Office Action Claims 1-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Sauner (U.S. Patent No. 5,975,498).

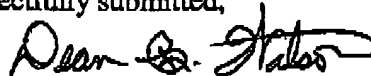
ARGUMENT

Applicants have amended the claims to overcome the objection to informalities. Applicants submit that Sauner does not disclose, teach or suggest the presently claimed invention. Therefore, the Applicants request that the present claims reconsidered.

CONCLUSION

The Applicants submit that all bases for rejection have been overcome by the present amendment and above arguments, and respectfully request that the application be reconsidered.

Respectfully submitted,



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